. . No. 4610 **HOUSE**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Garrett J. Bradley, Robert L. Hedlund

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a consolidated regional public safety communications/dispatch center in the towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Norwell.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| Garrett J. Bradley | 3rd Plymouth |
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| Robert J. Nyman | 5th Plymouth |

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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Whereas, The deferred operation for this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to make This act shall take effect upon its passage, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Towns of Cohasset, Hingham, Hull and Norwell (hereafter the "Towns") are herewith
- 2 authorized through their respective boards of selectmen to enter into a written agreement for the purpose
- 3 of establishing, constructing, equipping, operating and maintaining a consolidated regional public safety
- 4 communications/dispatch center (the "Center").

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- 6 SECTION 2. The written agreement shall provide for the management of the Center by a board of
- 7 directors comprised of one person appointed by each member town and shall set forth the financial terms
- 8 and conditions of membership of the Center and the powers and duties of the board of directors of the
- 9 Center to operate and manage the Center and any other matters not incompatible with law.

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- 11 SECTION 3. The board of directors shall establish and manage a fund to which all monies contributed
- by the towns, and all grants and gifts from the federal or state government or any other source shall be
- deposited. The board of directors shall appoint a treasurer who may be a treasurer of one of the towns.
- 14 The treasurer, subject to the direction and approval of the board of directors shall be authorized to receive,
- invest and disburse all funds of the Center without further appropriation. The treasurer shall give bond
- for the faithful performance of his/her duties in a form and amount as fixed by the board of directors.

18 SECTION 4. The board of directors shall have the authority to borrow money, enter into long or short 19 term loan agreements or mortgages and to apply for state, federal or corporate grants or contracts to 20 obtain funds necessary to carry out the purposes of the Center. 21 22 SECTION 5. The board of directors may enter into contracts for the purchase of supplies, materials and 23 services and for the purchase or lease of land, buildings and equipment as deemed necessary. 24 25 SECTION 6. The board of directors shall be deemed a public employer and have the authority to employ personnel to carry out the purposes of the Center and to establish the duties, compensation and 26 27 other terms and conditions of employment of personnel. 28 29 SECTION 7. The Center shall be deemed a public entity and shall have standing to sue and be sued to 30 the same extent as a city or town. 31 32 SECTION 8. The written agreement establishing the Center may make provision for the method of 33 termination of the Center and may also provide procedures for the addition of new member towns, or the 34 withdrawal of Towns. 35

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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SECTION 9.